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Sent: 1/21/2011 5:29:48 PM
To: CN=Palmer Hough/OU=DC/O=USEPA/C=US@EPA
Subject: Fw: Bristol Bay Native Assn appointment request

Hey Palmer -
When you have a chance, could you forward these invites to me?
Thanks!
Rachel

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From: Darren Reid/DC/USEPA/US
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Date: 01/20/2011 10:01 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: Bristol Bay Native Assn appointment request

When I set this meeting up for Denise, should I invite the same folks that are coming to the Jan 27th meeting?

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Darren:

This is an entirely different group but it deals with the same issue - concerns regarding proposed large-scale gold/copper mining in the Bristol Bay watershed. The folks coming in to meet with Denise on 1/27 are a group of scientists who have been studying the potential environmental effects of large scale copper/gold mining on the Bristol Bay and plan to present their findings to Denise.

The BBNA represents over 30 federally recognized tribes in the Bristol Bay and it has requested that EPA initiate and advance 404(c) action in the Bristol Bay to stop proposed large-scale mining gold/copper mining there. See attached resolution, signed in Sept 2010.

The BBNA is likely going to use this opportunity to underscore the reasons for its request and to inquire regarding what steps EPA has or is planning to take in response to BBNA's request. BBNA is just one of a number of stakeholder groups who have formally requested that EPA initiate such a 404(c) action in the Bristol Bay, so we may see others requesting such meetings in the coming weeks/months.

Let me know if you have other questions.

Thanks, Palmer

[attachment "BBNA 404c.pdf" deleted by Darren Reid/DC/USEPA/US]

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Subject: Fw: Bristol Bay Native Assn appointment request

I got a request for a meeting with the Bristol Bay Native Association. See email below. Isn't this meeting already scheduled with Denise for Jan 27th?

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Subject: Bristol Bay Native Assn appointment request

Mr. Michael Stahl
Acting Director
American Indian Environmental Office, EPA

Mr. Darren Reid
Scheduler

Office of Wetlands, Oceans & Watersheds

Mr. Stahl and Mr. Reid,

I am helping the Bristol Bay Native Association in Alaska set up an appointment schedule for a mid-February, 2011 visit to Washington, D.C. While in DC, the BBNA delegation would like to meet with the appropriate officials at EPA regarding proposed mining projects in the Bristol Bay region and the regulation of water quality from those projects. From my research, I understand that the American Indian Environmental Office and the Office of Wetlands, Oceans & Watersheds would have the most knowledge about these subjects.

Specifically, on behalf of BBNA, I would like to request an appointment with you, Mr. Stahl, or your designee, and, Mr. Reid, with Acting Director Denise Keehner or her designee at a convenient time on either Feb. 15, 16 or 17. Please let me know if your offices would be the most appropriate ones to meet with, or if you would recommend that other people at EPA also be contacted. Any assistance you could offer in scheduling appointments for the BBNA representatives to discuss mining & water quality issues would be most appreciated.

Below, I have listed the names and affiliations of the BBNA delegation members who will be traveling to DC. Given its size, the group will break into smaller teams for purposes of attending the appointments.

Just for background information, BBNA is a non-profit tribal consortium organized to provide a variety of educational, social, economic and related services to the Native people and communities of Alaska's Bristol Bay region. Made up of 31 recognized tribes, BBNA's mission is to maintain and promote a strong regional organization that serves as a unified voice for the region's indigenous population. Commercial and subsistence fishing are the region's most important sources of income and sustenance, and are important culturally to all of the residents. The Bristol Bay watershed produces the one of the world's largest wild salmon runs.

Please let me know if I can provide you with any additional information. Thank you for your consideration of this request!

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BBNA Executive Committee participants in WDC appointments:

Fred "Ted" Angasan, Chairman (South Naknek Village Council)
Thomas Tilden, Vice Chairman (Curyung Tribal Council)
Robert Heyano, Secretary (Ekuk Village Council)
Margie Nelson, Treasurer (New Koliganek Village Council)
Helen Gregorio, Member (Togiak Traditional Council)
Harvey Anelon, Member (Iliamna Village Council)
Dennis Andrew, Member (New Stuyahok Village Council)
Harry Wassily Sr., Member (Clarks Point Village Council)
Victor Seybert, Member (Pilot Point Village Council)
Patrick Kosbruk, Member (Perryville Village Council)
Ralph Andersen, President & Chief Executive Officer, BBNA
Bruce Baltar, General Counsel, BBNA
Amy Sparck Dobmeier, Consultant, North Star Group